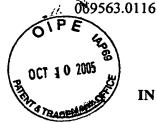
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In response to the Final Office Action mailed August 10, 2005 ("Final Office Action"), Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the following amendments and remarks. Please amend the Application as follows.